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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Los Angeles – Model Shows COVID-19 Deaths in California Could Peak Sunday

(U) In his Monday briefing, Mayor Eric Garcetti said one model shows California could see its peak in coronavirus-related hospitalizations Friday and its peak in new deaths on Sunday. That model, by the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, predicts that 2,004 hospital beds, 470 intensive care unit beds and 412 ventilators will be needed Friday as hospitalizations are expected to peak. The model also predicts that California will report 52 COVID-related deaths on Sunday.

SOURCE: 13 April 2020, [CBS Local](#)

(U) San Francisco – Security Firm Attributes Russian Hackers to San Francisco Airport Cyber-Attack

(U) A private cybersecurity firm has announced that hackers they believe to be operating on behalf of the Russian government have hacked two websites operated by the San Francisco International Airport. The hacks took place last month, according to a data breach notification posted on the airport's website. The attacks targeted SFOConnect.com and SFOConstruction.com, websites used by airport employees and contractors. According to San Francisco airport officials, hackers breached both websites and planted code that exploited an Internet Explorer bug to steal login credentials. The firm said the attack was carried out by a threat actor known as Energetic Bear (also known as DragonFly). The group has been active since 2010 and is believed to be operating on behalf of the Russian government. The group is one of Russia's most active state-sponsored entities. Over the past decade, Energetic Bear hackers have been behind a widespread hacking campaign that targeted organizations around the world.

SOURCE: 14 April 2020, [ZDNet](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) San Diego – Abandoned Panga Found on La Jolla Beach with Seven Life Jackets

(U) Del Mar – A suspected smuggling boat was found abandoned on a La Jolla beach early Monday morning with seven life jackets onboard. The panga was located near Wind-and-sea Beach in San Diego around 6:40 a.m., the US Border Patrol said. In addition to the life jackets, agents found four fuel containers on the boat, two of which were still full. Agents searched the area extensively but were unable to locate any people associated with the vessel.

SOURCE: 14 April 2020, [San Diego Tribune](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Nebraska – Man Who Operated as Online Drug Retailer Planned to Bomb Pharmacy

(U) A Maryland man who operated an online drug dealing website engaged in extensive plans to bomb and burn down a competing pharmacy in Nebraska. At a court hearing in federal court in Alexandria, Virginia, testimony against William Burgamy, 32, of Hanover, Maryland, stated that he was getting his supply of drugs from a pharmacist in Nebraska. Under the plan discussed in a journal and text messages, Burgamy and his supplier pharmacist reasoned that if the competing pharmacy was destroyed,

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Burgamy's pharmacist would pick up new customers and could then increase his supply to Burgamy without attracting suspicion, authorities said.

SOURCE: 14 April 2020, [ABC News](#)

(U) New York – Police Investigating Hack of State Computer Network

(U) Hackers compromised the computer network serving New York's state government in late January, officials said Monday, prompting the state to hire an outside firm and change thousands of employee passwords. The state's Office of Information Technology Services discovered the breach on 28 January. Hackers built virtual tunnels into several servers that are used to transmit encrypted information, officials said.

SOURCE: 14 April 2020, [Wall Street Journal](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Mozambique -- Extremists Declare Goal of Caliphate

(U) Cabo Delgado – An Islamist group in northern Mozambique has for the last two years become more brazen, unmasking its fighters and openly declaring its goal of turning the gas-rich region into a caliphate. In recent weeks, the jihadists have seized government buildings, robbed banks, blocked roads and hoisted their black-and-white flag over towns and villages across Cabo Delgado province. Locally they are known as al-Shabab, although they have no known links to the jihadist group of that name operating in Somalia. Islamic State Central Africa Province (ISCAP), affiliated with the Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS), has claimed a number of attacks since last year.

SOURCE: 14 April 2020, [VOA](#)

(U) Peru – Authorities Arrest Man for Illegal COVID-19 Testing

(U) Lima – Police in Lima on Sunday arrested a Chinese citizen for illegally conducting rapid COVID-19 tests on the public with newly-delivered kits stolen from Peru's health ministry. Tianxing Zhang, 36, was arrested in the Brena district of Lima as he was about to take samples from two women at the door of their house, police said. He "was proceeding to carry out rapid tests for COVID-19 that he had stolen" from the Lima Sur health authority where he worked, according to a police statement. Zhang was wearing a mask and a light blue medical apron at the time of his arrest by the state security police.

SOURCE: 14 April 2020, [France 24](#)

(U) United Kingdom – Authorities Aware of More Than 43,000 Terror Suspects

(U) London – MI5 is aware of more than 43,000 people who pose a potential terrorist threat to the UK, according to a government report, almost twice the number of terror suspects previously disclosed. After the 2017 attacks at London Bridge and Manchester Arena, it was revealed that MI5 had about 23,000 current and historic suspects on its radar. This included 3,000 so-called subjects of interest (SOI) who were under active investigation, as well as 20,000 people who had been investigated in the past and who might engage in terrorism in the future.

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